

Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/602,592

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed April 6, 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 6-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Miner on April 30, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Specification (page 1, lines 9-14):

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The subject matter of the present application is related to:

U.S. Application Serial No. 10/602,923 (Attorney Docket No. 52493.252);
U.S. Application Serial No. 10/602,594 (Attorney Docket No. 52493.253);
U.S. Application Serial No. 10,602,707 (Attorney Docket No. 52493.311); and
U.S. Application Serial No. 10/602,593 (Attorney Docket No. 52493.312);

Claim 19: A computer implemented method for validating a new sales lead from an agent employed in a sales lead processing entity, the method comprising:
inputting new sales lead information representing a new sales lead from an agent using an agent computer interface of a sales processing system;

transmitting the new sales lead information to a lead processing portion of a sales processing system, the lead processing portion having a leads memory portion, the leads memory portion storing existing sales lead information relating to existing sales leads;

the new sales lead information having attributes and the existing sales lead information having attributes comparing the new sales lead information, by the lead processing portion, with the existing sales lead information;

determining, by the lead processing portion, if there is a match between the new sales lead information and any of the existing sales lead information;

tagging, by the lead processing portion, the new sales lead information as a duplicate lead based on a determination that there is a match between the new sales lead information and any one of the existing sales lead information;

the method further including forwarding the new sales lead information, which is tagged as a duplicate lead for further processing, the further processing including further comparing the attributes of the new sales lead information with the attributes of the existing sales lead information and (a) in the event the attributes of the new sales lead information ~~matches~~ match attributes of the existing sales lead information, deleting the new sales lead information as constituting an agent generated lead and (b) in the event the attributes of the new sales lead information ~~does~~ do not match attributes of existing sales lead information tagging the new sales lead information as constituting an agent generated lead;

and wherein the determining if there is a match between the new sales lead information and any of the existing sales lead information is performed in parallel to the sales agent working the new sales lead.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gabrielle McCormick whose telephone number is (571)270-1828. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday (5:30 - 4:00 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on 571-272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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